

REMARKS

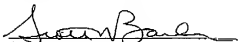
The Notice of Allowance dated June 16, 2006 has been carefully considered. The undersigned appreciates the Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 45, 47, and 50-63, which are still pending in the present Amendment. By the present amendment, the Applicants add new claims 64-69, which are substantially similar to now cancelled claims 44, 9, 10, 46, 30, and 31, as they were presented in the Amendment mailed on November 15, 2005, and rejected in the Office Action mailed on March 3, 2006.

By comparison to those previously submitted and now cancelled claims, claims 64-69 further include the clarification that the satellite droplets are vertically offset from the main drops on the print media when placed on the print media. The Applicants believe that the additional language included with new claims 64 and 67 should further avoid any potential rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. For example, in the Examiner's previous rejection of claims 44 and 46, the Examiner noted "[p]lease explain how the satellite droplets are vertically offset from the main drops." The Applicants believe this to be more clearly explained in claims 64-69.

Support for claims 64 and 67 may be found in, for example, Figs. 19 and 20, and Page 14, line 14 to Page 15, line 26 of the present specification. In that embodiment, the nozzle openings are formed in an upwardly or downwardly directed bore to cause the satellite ink drops to be offset in the y-direction (as illustrated in Figures 19 and 20). Accordingly, the Applicants believe that the changes and remarks presented herewith are sufficient to place the present invention in condition for allowance. An early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The director is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessitated by this Amendment, or any underpayment of fees associated with the filing of this Amendment and accompanying RCE, as well as to charge any overpayments of such fees, to Deposit Account Number 12-1213.

Respectfully submitted,



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